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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 809

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Ben Mills, 2000 Valedictorian of
Sevier County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ben Mills is one such exceptional student who was recently named valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Ben has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Ben Mills has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while actively participating in Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Distributive Education Clubs of America, and the Teen Board, and representing his school with honor as a Boys State Delegate; and

WHEREAS, a natural athlete, Ben has been an important member of the school's Golf, Tennis, and Cross-Country Teams and the Ski Club and has won the Smoky Bear Award in golf; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his academic excellence, Ben has been inducted into the Beta Club, the National Honor Society, and the Math Club, in addition to receiving a number of academic awards, including the Bicentennial Scholarship at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ben Mills' display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual who is always eager to lend a helping hand to those in need, Ben has worked with the World Changers in Savannah, Georgia, has worked as a volunteer in physical therapy at Fort Sanders, and has participated in a medical mission trip to Jamaica; and

WHEREAS, Ben's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Jeff and Linda Mills, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Ben Mills' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Sevier County High School Valedictorian, Ben Mills, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.